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Journey through the Universe with “The Ultimate Interplanetary Travel Guide” on April 16

Gaithersburg, MD (March 18, 2021) The Gaithersburg Community Museum invites you to explore the universe with “The Ultimate Interplanetary Travel Guide.” The virtual Skywatching program takes place on Friday, April 16, 2021, at 7 p.m. on the [Community Museum Facebook page](#). All ages are invited to join.

Scientist Dr. Jim Bell takes us on a fanciful journey through the universe and beyond. Like any good travel guide, he lets us know what we'll need for our journey and what activities await us at our destination. That it most likely won't happen for hundreds of years matters not. RSVP to the Facebook event [here](#).

Dr. Bell is a planetary scientist, educator, author, public speaker, and past President (2008-2020) of The Planetary Society. He works at Arizona State University and is heavily involved in NASA solar system exploration missions, including Mars rovers Spirit, Opportunity and Curiosity.

Located in the restored 1884 B&O Railroad Station complex near the intersection of Summit and Diamond Avenues in Olde Towne, the Gaithersburg Community Museum features educational exhibits and programs designed to spark interest and imagination about our City's history. Although the Museum is currently open by appointment only, it continues to host a robust services of virtual programs. Learn more [here](#). Nearby [Observatory Park](#) is open for self-guided tours. The [Gaithersburg Latitude Observatory](#) was one of six located around the globe that measures the wobble of the Earth its polar axis to aid in navigation. The Observatory was in operation from 1899 to 1982.

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